



AREA II ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Area II Association of the Missouri State Association of the National FFA Organization. Members are referred to as "Future Farmers of America" and the letters, "FFA" may be used to designate the area, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B. The purpose for which this area is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of students of vocational agriculture in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming and other agricultural occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in agriculture.
6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. Area II of the FFA is a chartered local unit of the Missouri Association of the FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B. This area accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Missouri State FFA Association as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership in Area II shall be of two types: 1. Active and 2. Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution

Section B. The regular work of this association shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C. Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Area Degree. This degree will be awarded annually at the Area II Awards Night and to no more than two individuals per year. They will be selected in the following manner:

1. Applications will be mailed to each active chapter. Each active chapter is entitled to nominate one candidate for the degree. The application will be filled out and mailed to the area secretary.
2. The area executive committee will review the application and submit nominations for the degree to the area delegates.
3. The area delegates will elect one to two persons to receive the degree.
4. The only qualifications for the degree is that the person is an adult and that they have assisted the area in one or more ways, along with other requirements outlined in the National FFA Constitution.

Section D. Delegates of the area shall consist of two members from each active chapter of the area, excluding area officers.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEMS

Section A. Emblems used by members of the Area II Association shall be the official FFA emblem only.

Section B. The official emblem of the National FFA Organization shall be the emblem of the Area II Association.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section A. The officer positions of Area II are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and Advisor. The advisor shall be the vocational agriculture instructor of the Area II President. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B. An interview committee shall interview officer candidates at the annual meeting. This committee shall consist of an interview team of advisors and Area officers from another area and a state officer, if one is available. The area officers will be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at the area officer interview. The term of an Area Officer shall be for one term only, except for the first year that this amendment is in effect (amendment adopted 1995-1996)

Section C. The officers of the area shall constitute the Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall have the full power to act as necessary for the meeting and various regulations or bylaws adopted from time to time.

Section D. Honorary members shall not vote, nor shall they hold any office in the area except for that of advisor.

Section E. Area II officers must at least hold the degree of Chapter Farmer.

Article VI. MEETINGS

Section A. Regular area meetings should be held during the year at such time and place as is designated by the executive committee. The executive committee may call special meetings at any time.

- Section B. A majority of the voting delegates listed on the secretary's membership roster shall constitute a quorum and a quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the area to any proposal or action.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

- Section A. Area II dues shall be set annually at the rate of \$1.50 per rostered FFA member with a cap (maximum) of \$300 based on the previous year's membership. Dues are to be paid to the area treasurer by June 1st of each year. (Amendment adopted March 19, 2003).
- Section B. No chapter shall be considered active or in good standing with the Area II Association unless it pays full area dues.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section A. This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular area meeting by a two-thirds majority vote
- Section B. Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the area at any regular area meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX. STATE OFFICERS

- Section A. Candidates must meet the qualifications for a state officer set in the constitutions of the Missouri State FFA Association and the National FFA Organization.
- Section B. The state officer which represents Area II will be selected by a committee consisting of Missouri state officers and three advisors from Missouri that are not from Area II.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

- Section A. A copy of the Area II Constitution should be issued to all chapters which are members of the Area II Association.